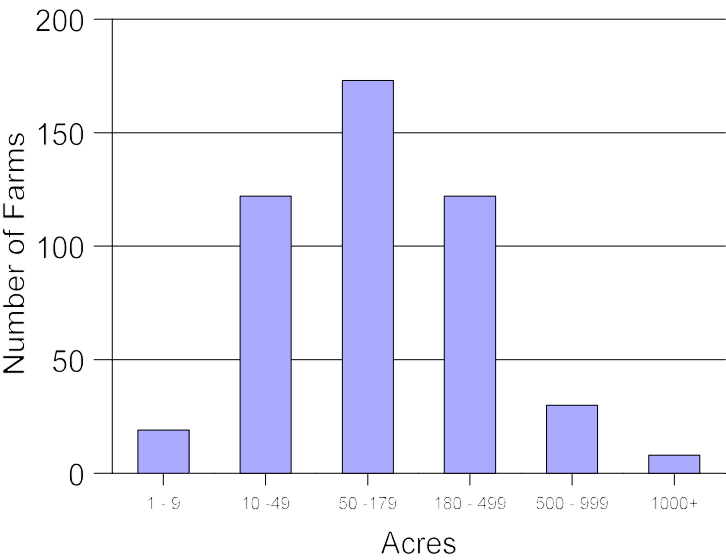
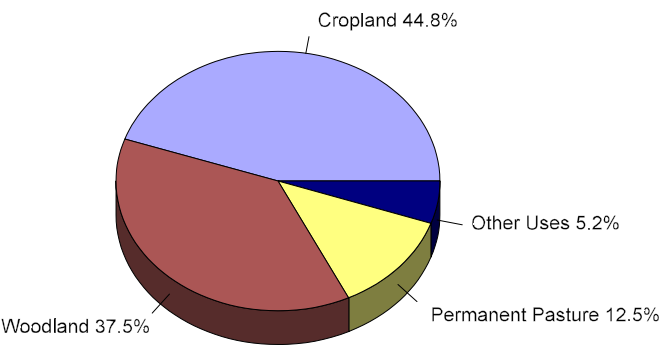


FARMS

Farms by Size



Land in Farms



Operator Characteristics	Quantity
Principal operators by primary occupation:	
Farming	264
Other	210
Principal operators by sex:	
Male	409
Female	65
Average age of principal operator (years)	58.1
All operators <sup>5</sup> by race:	
White	625
Black or African American	30
American Indian or Alaska Native	10
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	-
Asian	1
More than one race	4
All operators <sup>5</sup> of Spanish, Hispanic, or Latino Origin	2

Footnotes: 1/ Universe is number of counties in state or U.S. with items. 2/ Beginning with 1997, data includes an adjustment for undercoverage. 3/Due to changes in definition and wording of questions, figures for “cropland pasture” and “other pasture” are not always comparable from the Census. Acreage beginning with 1964 refer to pastureland and rangeland, other than cropland and woodland pastured, on farms with sales of agricultural products of \$2,500 and over. 4/ Beginning with 1974, agricultural operations under individual management with annual sales of \$1,000 or more. 5/ Data were collected for a maximum of three operators per farm. NA Not Available. (D) Cannot be disclosed. (Z) Less than ½ of the unit shown. See “Census of Agriculture, Vol. 1, Geographic Series” for complete footnotes.



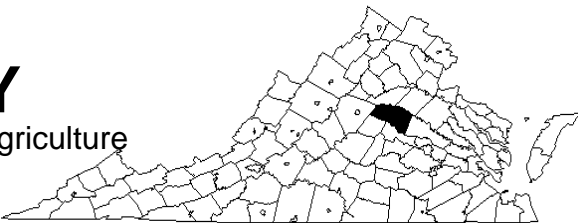
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LOUISA  
COUNTY

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Louisa County is located in the central Piedmont Plateau. Formed in 1742 from part of Hanover, the county was named in honor of Princess Louisa, the youngest daughter of King George II.

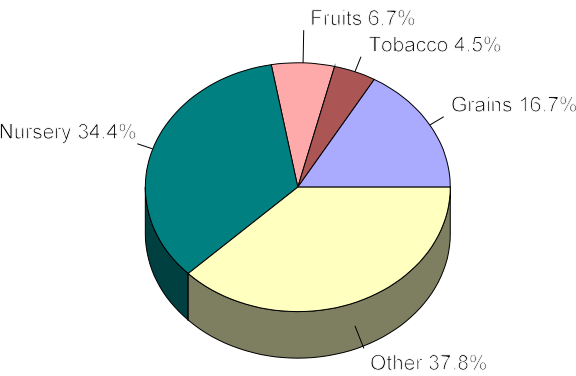
Louisa boasts a rolling topography, and altitudes vary from 200 to 500 feet above sea level. Temperatures average 35 degrees in January and 75 in July. The frost-free growing season is approximately 172 days, usually extending from about April 24 to October 14. Annual precipitation averages 42 inches, with July and August receiving the heaviest rainfall. The county’s driest month is November.

Highlights	2002	1997
Number of Farms	474	467
Land in Farms (acres)	87,275	84,063
Average size of farm	184	180
Market Value of Production		
County Total	\$10,113,000	\$9,820,000
Average per farm	\$21,335	\$21,027
Government Payments	\$433,000	\$238,000

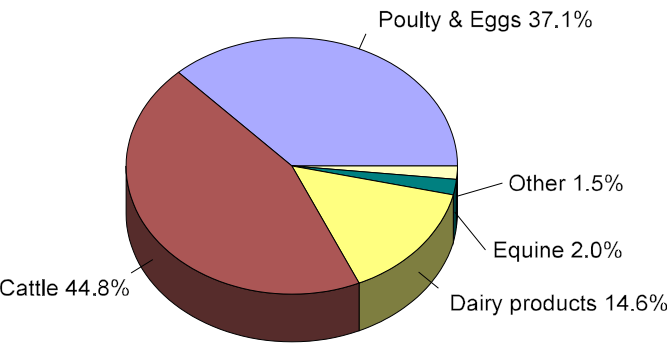


CASH RECEIPTS

Crops



Livestock & Poultry



Ranked Items among the 98 state counties and 3,078 US Counties, 2002

Commodity	Quantity	State Rank	Universe 1/	US Rank	Universe 1/
VALUE OF SALES BY COMMODITY GROUP (\$1,000)					
Grains, oilseeds, dry beans, and dry peas	398	52	95	2,060	2,871
Tobacco	106	32	43	399	560
Cotton and cottonseed	-	-	15	-	656
Vegetables, melons, potatoes, and sweet potatoes	(D)	(D)	95	(D)	2,747
Fruits, tree nuts, and berries	159	38	93	1,021	2,638
Nursery, greenhouse, floriculture, and sod	818	43	95	1,183	2,708
Cut Christmas trees and short rotation woody crops	(D)	(D)	76	(D)	1,774
Other crops and hay	842	25	97	1,408	3,046
Poultry and eggs	2,865	19	94	744	2,918
Cattle and calves	3,467	41	97	1,800	3,053
Milk and other dairy products from cows	1,129	43	83	1,306	2,493
Hogs and pigs	(D)	(D)	90	(D)	2,919
Sheep, goats, and their products	12	60	93	2,203	2,997
Horses, ponies, mules, burros, and donkeys	155	38	94	1,362	3,014
Aquaculture	2	35	44	1,204	1,520
Other animals and other animal products	(D)	(D)	87	(D)	2,727
TOP LIVESTOCK INVENTORY ITEMS (number)					
Broilers and other meat-type chickens	(D)	19	79	(D)	2,599
Turkeys	(D)	8	72	(D)	2,328
Cattle and calves	14,395	42	97	1,771	3,059
Horses and ponies	907	30	97	1,425	3,065
Layers 20 weeks old and older	568	46	96	1,798	2,983
TOP CROP ITEMS (acres)					
Forage - land used for all hay and haylage, grass silage, and greenchop	19,371	31	97	1,134	3,059
Soybeans	1,468	49	79	1,452	2,076
Corn for grain	1,395	47	96	1,698	2,592
Corn for silage	884	39	87	1,160	2,307
All Wheat for grain	758	41	87	1,639	2,517

FARM DATA & LAND USE

YEAR	Number of Farms	Land in Farms	Avg. Value Per Acre For Land & Buildings	LAND USE					
				Cropland			Other Pasture 3/	Woodland	
				Harvested	Other	Pasture		Pasture	Not Pastured
	Number	Acres	Dollars	-Acres-					
1940	2,256	215,701	27	39,675	16,513	28,368	NA	NA	NA
1945	2,142	212,492	33	45,567	9,133	11,703	24,606	NA	115,512
1950	1,545	193,472	56	30,841	16,872	19,126	10,814	NA	109,521
1954	1,371	173,583	72	32,491	10,609	12,736	18,219	NA	93,452
1959	1,010	158,298	91	27,903	7,177	9,575	19,169	NA	90,820
1964	692	138,355	111	22,445	7,234	12,978	10,503	6,751	41,259
1969	497	96,871	244	21,217	3,795	16,983	8,673	10,059	15,584
1974 4/	454	101,117	549	22,127	2,668	18,447	7,897	6,004	21,760
1978	455	94,088	772	23,112	3,751	16,331	7,354	7,727	32,331
1982	482	93,718	959	23,553	1,913	15,484	6,643	7,745	33,887
1987	397	88,594	988	23,441	4,577	14,817	6,698	7,542	27,174
1992	384	81,427	1,424	21,646	2,820	15,328	7,255	5,648	25,814
1997 2/	467	84,063	2,142	23,856	3,151	16,176	6,375	5,316	26,009
2002	474	87,275	2,372	24,253	3,211	11,648	10,922	4,699	28,034

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